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GSU Golf League
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p.m.
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July 29 – August 1
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"HAIR"
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September 7

Student Employment

News and Events

SVA Seeks Nominations for Executive Leadership

The GSU Chapter of the Student Veterans of America seeks nominations for Executive Leadership positions including President, Vice President, Treasurer and Executive Directors.

Student veterans are valued members of the GSU community; consequently, ensuring that student veterans have active representation and leadership opportunities is vital in our goal to offer comprehensive programs and service to veterans. Nominations are being requested for students to serve in leadership positions within the GSU chapter of the SVA.



Students are asked to consider nominating themselves, or others to serve in any of the open executive leadership positions that include President, Vice President, Treasurer and/or Executive Directors (one for each branch).

Nominations are open until Friday, August 9 and elections will be held the first week of classes. Nominations will be accepted at the following website: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2013SVANominations>.

Quinn Signs Law at GSU

Governors State University did indeed fulfill its dedicated purpose as a public square on Thursday, July 25 when Governor



Dr. Elaine P. Maimon and
Governor Pat Quinn

Pat Quinn used the university as the setting to sign SB20 into law. The new law gives the Illinois Department of Transportation the power to build the South Suburban Airport.

Accompanying Governor Quinn were many Illinois state and regional representatives, and business and community leaders. The ceremony was well attended and covered by major Chicago and regional media as well as GSU's TWAG team.

Dr. Maimon welcomed Governor Quinn to campus and encouraged all the visitors to "enjoy our beautiful

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campus."

Governor Quinn began his comments with "what a great school this is." He also noted that "it is important to be here – a special place in the South suburbs."

Library Amnesty Week Begins Today

"Be Good! Do Good! Feel Good! is the slogan the library is hoping will encourage GSU students, faculty and community members to return GSU library books and materials that are overdue and need to be returned, " said Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Dean of the GSU Library.

To be good, do good and feel good, and to have **all your fines forgiven**, all you have to do is return overdue items to the GSU Library from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., July 29 through August 1, along with a non-perishable food item for each item being returned. The food donated will fill the shelves of the GSU Food Pantry.

Please note that fines will be forgiven for GSU materials only. Fines for damaged materials will not be waived. Amnesty week excludes fines for Reserves & Telecourses.

"After learning about the Food Pantry initiated by the Student Senate, it was the right time to try our amnesty week idea and develop a strong partnership." said LaShaunda Williams-Ware, IT Manager/Administrative Coordinator Library and Academic Technology. "We ask that all food be non-perishable, un-opened, and within the expiration date indicated on the packaging."

If Amnesty Week is successful, the library plans to offer it on a regular basis. For more information, call the library circulation desk at ext. 4112.

St. Jude Trike-A-Thon Program Teaches Safety

The GSU Family Development Center will join thousands of pre-schools, daycares and other groups across the country in sponsoring a St. Jude *Trike-A-Thon* event on August 2, to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®, one of the world's premier pediatric cancer research centers. The week-long event teaches bike and riding-toy safety lessons. At the end of St. Jude *Trike-A-Thon* week, students will bring their tricycles to school to practice their newly learned safety lessons.

In addition to safety lessons, kids learn about helping others as they team up with family and community members to support the hospital by pledging a donation for St. Jude *Trike-A-Thon* week.

This is the first year that the Family Development Center has held the St. Jude *Trike-A-Thon* program.

"We challenge family and supporters of the FDC to join us in helping to teach our kids about riding safety while raising funds for St. Jude," said Erin Gutierrez, event coordinator. "I'm proud our kids are able to help give hope to thousands of children battling cancer and other deadly diseases at St. Jude."

For more information or to make a donation, contact [Erin Gutierrez](#) at

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ext. 7326.

Nearing Receives Grant

The City of Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events recently announced that Dan Nearing, Associate Professor and Academic Coordinator of Independent Film and Digital Imaging, has been selected to receive a 2013 Individual Artists Program grant in the amount of \$4,000 to support the production of *Hogtown*. Nearing and Assistant Professor Sang Hoon Lee made *Hogtown*, a love story and mystery set during Chicago's brutal race riots in 1919. It is in its editing phase and is expected to screen in 2014.



"The support is particularly appreciated because *Hogtown* is Chicago itself as imagined in 1919 through the black and white film," said Nearing. "*Hogtown* is a very large undertaking involving several state university faculty, numerous GSU students, many aspiring Chicago actors, and a wind symphony orchestra from the College of William & Mary."

Daniel Nearing

For more information about *Hogtown*, visit <http://www.923films.com/>.

Alternative Teacher Certification Info - August 7

Learn how to earn elementary or secondary (biology, chemistry or mathematics) Professional License (PLE) and secure a teaching position the Alternative Certification Program. An information session will be held on August 7, at 7 p.m., in E-Lounge.

The Alternative Teacher Certification program offers a way to earn Professional License in education. The Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) leads to a Masters of Art in Teaching (MAT) in Urban Teacher Education in elementary or secondary (biology, chemistry or mathematics). TQP provides an opportunity to co-teach for a year with a certified teacher, a \$30,000 stipend and a 25 percent reduction in tuition. TQP is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The application deadline for the cohort beginning Spring 2014 Alternative Certification program, will be November 15, 2013.

For more information, call 708.534.4399 or visit www.govst.edu/altcert.

Alt Cert Highlighted

The National Association for Alternative Certification Program recently highlighted the GSU Alternative Certification program in their newsletter.

The article was written by Dr. Vickie Person, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Masters in Urban Teacher Education at GSU. Dr. Person will serve as the President of the NAACP beginning next year.

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Grill and Chill - August 1



Don't let the cooler temperatures keep you from enjoying lunch on the patio with Grill and Chill and KISS FM on Thursday, August 1.

There will be great music, games, giveaways, prizes and delicious food - barbecued on the spot.

The GSU Café chef will prepare a featured grilled combo meal for \$5.50, including a sandwich, side, and drink. A la carte options are also available with sandwiches for \$3.50, chips or one side for \$1.50, and beverage for \$1.

See you there!

Convocation 2013 - Tuesday, August 20

Members of the GSU community – students, faculty and staff – are invited to Convocation 2013, on Tuesday, August 20, at 3 p.m. For the first time, Convocation will be held in the Center for Performing Arts. President Elaine P. Maimon will deliver the *State of the University* address. The event will also feature the naming of this year's Excellence Award winners and the Baysore Award.

Come early and enjoy the ice cream reception in the CPA Lobby.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

MOT Research Presentation

The GSU community is invited to attend the Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) Research Day on Wednesday, August 7, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. The event is sponsored by MOT students working in partnership with OT faculty.

MOT students will present findings from their research projects during a poster presentation.

The program will begin at 11 a.m. with a welcome address from Dr. Catherine Brady, Interim Chair of the Occupational Therapy Department. Dr. Beth Cada, Dean of CHHS, will present the keynote address.

Occupational Therapy practitioners can earn up to two CEUs for attending this event.

Welcome TWO Weeks!

The university is preparing for the fall semester with so many wonderful Welcome Week activities, information and good times that it will take two weeks to enjoy them all. Activities begin on August 26 and end on September 7.

Here is the schedules so mark your calendars:

Monday, August 26

- ID Validation, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Hall of Governors
- Student Employment Fair, 3 to 6 p.m., HOG, sponsored by Career Services
- Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park *Pizza on the Terrace*, 4 to 6 p.m., balcony terrace adjacent to the ACS Lab
- Rock Band Video Competition, 4 to 8 p.m., Cafeteria Annex, sponsored by the Psychology Club

Tuesday, August 27

- ID Validation, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., HOG
- Secretary of State, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., HOG
- Student Resource Fair, noon to 6 p.m., HOG
- Kiss FM, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., HOG
- LGBT Reception, 3 to 4 p.m., Cafeteria Annex

Wednesday, August 28

- ID Validation, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., HOG
- AT&T *It Can Wait Campaign*, noon to 6 p.m., HOG
- Rock Band Video Competition, 4 to 8 p.m., Cafeteria Annex, sponsored by the Psychology Club

Thursday, August 29

- ID Validation, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., HOG
- Campus Crawl, 3 to 6 p.m., University
- Rock Band Video Competition, 4 to 8 p.m., Cafeteria Annex, sponsored by the Psychology Club

Friday, August 30

- GSU LAFF Session Comedy Show - Popular comedians visit GSU, 6:30 p.m., Center for Performing Arts, sponsored by Student Senate

Tuesday, September 3

- Food Pantry Opens, noon to 5 p.m., Student Commons
- Student Welcome Back Skate, 6 to 9 p.m., Rich City Roller Rink, sponsored by clubs and organizations

Wednesday, September 4

- Psychology Club Car Wash, 2 to 7 p.m.

Thursday, September 5

- Student Vendors Fair, noon to 6 pm, HOG

Saturday, September 7

- Holistic Wellness Conference, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., on campus

Laff Session at GSU – August 30

It is time to laugh out loud at GSU. The Student Senate presents *Laff Session*, an evening full of talented professional comedians, on Friday.

August 30 at the Center for Performing Arts. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with a meet and greet. Showtime is at 7 p.m.

Featured performers include B Cole, a BET Comic View All Star who appeared on Def Comedy Jam; Brandon "Hot Sauce" Glover who has appeared on Comedy Central and in Chicago Just for Laughs Festival; Marc Henderson from the BET Comic View and Chicago Just for Laughs Festival; Da Wildcat who appeared in the BET Comic View, Chicago Commercial King, and BET's Of Boys and Men; and Hozay.

Tickets are only \$10 for GSU students and \$15 for everyone else. Tickets may be purchased on line at the box office, www.centertickets.net or 708.235.2222.

For additional information, call 708.234.7609.

Professor Emeritus Muchnik Honored



Dr. Mel Muchnik

Dr. Mel Muchnik, Professor Emeritus of Media Communications, was recently awarded the J.O. Grantham Award from the National University Technology Network. The J. O. Grantham Leadership Award, named for the founder of NUTN, is given to a person who represents strong leadership in the field of distance learning and technology. Dr. Muchnik will receive the award in a ceremony at the NUTN Conference for Innovative Leaders in Teaching and Learning in September.

Dr. Muchnik served as Chair of the National University Telecommunications Network Advisory Board from 1998 to 2003 and continues to serve on the NUTN Board. He also chairs the NUTN annual global awards program.

According to Dr. Muchnik, GSU has been a leading member of NUTN for some time.

Calling All Video Submissions

The Division of Digital Learning and Media Design is seeking submissions of films and television programs of any length to be showcased on *The Educator*, GSU's cable station. GSU students, staff and faculty, past or present, are invited to submit their work. Approved submissions will air each Monday, Wednesday and Friday this fall from 7 to 9 p.m., on *The Educator*.

Submissions can be sent digitally via a file sharing system, such as Dropbox™ or Google Docs™, in the highest resolution. Send them to [Keisha Dyson](#), Program Developer in the DLMD. A hard copy (DVD or file on hard drive) can be mailed to Keisha in room D1425.

All submissions must be accompanied by a completed submission form, which can be found on the [Master of Fine Arts in Independent Filmmaking and Digital Imaging website](#), along with a description of the project in 250 characters or less. The submission deadline for fall broadcast consideration is September 1 at 5 p.m. All submissions will be screened for approval before broadcast. Videos containing inappropriate material or that can be classified as pornographic will not

be aired.

For more information, contact [Keisha Dyson](#).

Doctor of Physical Therapy Information Session

The Department of Physical Therapy will host an information session and open house for the entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree program on Wednesday, September 11, from 4 to 7:30 p.m., in room D-34000.

GSU offers an on-campus entry level doctor of physical therapy degree for those interested in starting a career in physical therapy. Information about admission criteria and course curricula will be available. Join us to get your questions answered, meet faculty and students, and tour our classroom/laboratory spaces. Advisors will be available for individual consultation. Light refreshments will be provided.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting [Mary Tracy](#) at 708.534.7290.

Convocation 2013 (July 29, 2013)

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Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Grill and Chill with Special K and 103.5 KISS FM

It is time for some summer fun, great music, a barbecue by the lake, and a special appearance by 103.5 KISS FM personality, *Special K!* Besides providing the music, Special K will also bring games, giveaways and great prizes.



It's all happening at GSU on Thursday, July 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Grill and Chill – a delicious grilled lunch – will be served by the GSU Café. The GSU Café chef will prepare a featured grilled combo meal for \$5.50, including a sandwich, side, and drink. A la carte options are also available with sandwiches for \$3.50, chips or one side for \$1.50, and beverage for \$1.

On July 25, Grill and Chill features a choice of a turkey burger, hamburger, cheeseburger, hot dogs, or veggie burger; chips or a side; and canned soda or water.

HAIR comes to the Center for Performing Arts

Relive The Age of Aquarius with the Southland Area Theatre Ensemble and their production of *HAIR*, the American Tribal Love Rock Musical. On July 27 and 28 and August 3 and 4, you can see this local cast and crew perform unforgettable songs like *Let the Sun Shine In*, *Good Morning Starshine* and *Aquarius*.



Cast of HAIR

Tickets are \$25. Tickets for GSU faculty and staff are only \$20. Tickets can be purchased at the Center’s website at www.centertickets.net or by calling the box office at 708.235.2222.

FY14 Budget Reminder

Requisitioners and budget managers, working with “Budget, Buy & Pay” on the GSU Portal, need to remember to switch to the new fiscal year when preparing purchase requisitions.

Remember to look for current information by choosing FY14 in the drop down option. You can change to see FY13 information if needed

as well.

Construction Progress

Work on the new student residences at GSU is progressing with major components already completed or near completion. The building pad and excavation, the foundation footing, and foundation concrete pour are completed. Framing of the foundation wall, site electrical, water and sanitary lines, and the road, entry and detention pond are all well on their way to completion.

The project is only two days behind overall construction schedule due to extreme weather condition, plenty of rain and construction issues. Weather permitting, a great deal of progress will be made on the project during July making everything ready for the scheduled arrival on site of the first wall panel in early August.

Baysore Award 2013 – Call for Nominations

The Dr. Gerald C. Baysore Award is presented to the GSU employee who most fully demonstrates the following four qualities so consistently and fully embodied by Dr. Baysore during his eighteen-year service to the university:

- absolute integrity
- total competence

- generous dedication
- unfailing civility

The Baysore Award will be presented by President Maimon during Convocation on Tuesday, August 20, 2013. Mark your calendars.



Gerald C. Baysore

Nominations for the Baysore Award must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday, August 12, in order to be considered. This award is given only when a candidate meets the strict qualifications as listed above. Nominators are encouraged to devote special time and attention to their written nominations. The length of the nomination is not as important as the quality, but enough information should be included so the committee can make an informed decision.

Submit written nominations to Penny Perdue in G334.

Armstrong Tapped for Consortium of Doctors

Dr. Jennifer Armstrong, Assistant Professor of Communication Disorders, has been selected for membership in the



Consortium of Doctors, Ltd. She will be inducted at the organization's annual meeting in Chicago later this month. Dr. Armstrong joins 11 inductees from across the country, including her sister, Kelley A. Thornton, a Chicago lawyer.

The Consortium consists of African American women who have completed doctoral degrees from nationally accredited institutions and have made contributions to enhance the lives of humankind.

Dr. Armstrong "I am deeply honored to be asked to be a part of an organization that continues to make significant contributions in the lives of young African Americans," said Dr. Armstrong. "I look forward to working with fellow members as we help these young people become responsible and dynamic members of their communities."

Community Garden Dedication and Success



Sheree Sanderson

Everyone welcomes a helping hand. On one of the hottest days of the year, Assistant Dean of Students Sheree Sanderson was found watering one of the GSU community garden plots usually cultivated by students.

The students manage four plots and are growing vegetables for the student food pantry. They are even growing pumpkins, which will be used at the Promise Fest, scheduled for October 4 and 5.

All the the community garden plots have been reserved and the gardents are being nurtured

along. It won't be long before fresh produce is harvested and enjoyed.

Be Good, Do Good, Feel Good - Library Amnesty Week

Do you have GSU library books and materials that are overdue? Take them to the Library during Amnesty Week, July 29 to August 1, along with one non-perishable food item for each item you are returning, and your fines will be forgiven.

All food that is collected for Amnesty Week will be given to the GSU Food Pantry, sponsored by the Student Senate. Food should be non-perishable, unopened and within the expiration date shown on the packaging. Please note that fines will be forgiven for GSU materials only. Fines for damaged materials will not be waived. Amnesty week excludes fines for Reserves & Telecourses.

And you don't have to have an overdue book to donate non perishable food items. Your generosity is always welcome and appreciated.

Restorative Justice Certificate Information – August 1

Learn how to earn your Restorative Justice Certificate during an information session in the Hall of Honors on Thursday, August 1, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. when program faculty will talk to prospective students.

Students will gain both theoretical and practical education and training in Restorative Justice concepts and practices, preparing them to be more effective leaders and problem-solvers. Classes in the new certificate program begin Fall 2013.

For more information or to register, contact [Shaniqua Jones](#) at 708.235.3987.

If prospective students are not able to attend the information session on August 1, there will be another opportunity on Monday, July 29, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at Homewood-Flossmoor Library at 1000 Sterling Avenue in Flossmoor.

Fall 2013 Fitness Classes Announced

Get ready to get moving with a class at the Recreation and Fitness Center. Choose from classes ranging from water exercise classes, to yoga and from Zumba to personal fitness and nutrition training. Classes are offered throughout the week at convenient times.

Stop by the Recreation and Fitness Center office in A1106, call 708.534.4556 or visit the [Rec/Fit website](#) for more information.

All class sizes are limited so register early. All courses are restricted to GSU students and Recreation and Fitness Center members, unless otherwise noted. Current GSU students receive a \$5 discount per fee based course unless otherwise noted.

Swim at the Recreation and Fitness Center

Learn to swim in a GSU youth and adult swim program. Registration is from August 5 through August 23. Programs run from August 31 through November 25. All classes are conducted on Saturdays. The goal of these classes is to help students enjoy swimming while staying safe. Safety and rescue skill education is included in each class level.

Classes for children include two levels of beginning instruction and one advanced level. Adult instruction is offered for both beginner and intermediate swimmers.

The Youth Swim Program is open to children 5 to 17 years of age. Parental presence poolside during swim times and a waiver signed by a parent or guardian are required. This program encourages family involvement.

Limited space is available in all swim classes so register early. For specific times, more information and to register, 708.534.4556, or visit the [Recreation and Fitness Center website](#).

Cyber-Security Never sleeps at GSU

GSU students will compete in a cyber-security competition that will challenge all their skills and stamina. Cyber Challenge 2013 sponsored by Mitre and (ICS)² foundation will challenge students to a nationwide capture the flag game.

The competition begins at 3 p.m. on Friday July 26 and ends 24 hours later. GSU students will work in teams to solve problems in steganography, software exploitation, computer forensics, cryptography and networking. The students will compete under the supervision of Computer Science faculty Steve Hyzny. The challenge will test their skills, knowledge and problem-solving abilities over an extended period of time.

GSU students are also preparing for the Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition in February. For more information, contact [Steve Hyzny](#) and visit the [GSU Computer Science club website](#) or follow the club on Facebook.

2nd Annual Mindfulness and Higher Education Symposium

It's not too early to register for the 2nd Annual Mindfulness and Higher Education Symposium, scheduled for Friday, October 18, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Governors State University.

Research shows that mindfulness practices lead to greater calmness, enhanced concentration, reduced stress, strengthened immune functions, and decreased depression and anxiety.

Explore how to incorporate mindful meditation and practices into academic, clinical, and social settings through presentations, panel discussions, workshops, keynotes, and experiential exercises.

Six CEUs are available for psychologists, counselors and social work professionals.

For more information, contact [Dr. Maristela Zell](#). You can also [register](#)

[online](#).

Important FY14 Budget Information (7-16-13)

Please take a moment to read the following memo from President Elaine P. Maimon regarding GSU's FY2013-14 Operating Budget Allocations.

[Memo to the GSU Community from Dr. Elaine P. Maimon](#)

[FY14 Operating Budget as Approved by President Maimon](#)

Dr. Maimon Leads Contributors to Philanthropy Article



Dr. Maimon

In today's edition of the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, the topic of philanthropy and its impact on post-secondary education is explored in the article "Strategic Philanthropy Comes to Higher Education."

Leading the experts quoted is President Elaine P. Maimon. In her quotes, President Maimon points to innovations at GSU that have received recognition and funding by major philanthropies.

Click here to view the [full article](#).

Grill & Chill Heats up with 103.5 KISS FM



Put Thursday on your calendar for lunch by the lake with the crew from Chicago's Hit Music Station and your friends, fellow students and colleagues at GSU. Prizes, music, games and a sandwich straight from the grill served under sunny skies. What could be better?

Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It is only \$5.50 for a sandwich, chips or pasta salad and a drink.

President Maimon and Dr. Sexton Address International Educators

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President Elaine P. Maimon and Dr. Colleen Sexton, Chair of the Division of Education, addressed the International Conference on New Horizons in Education with an audience of educators from more than 15 countries as they gathered in Rome, Italy.

Maimon's talk, *U.S. Higher Education and Citizenship in a Democracy*, discussed GSU's focus on civic engagement – teaching students in every class to question the relationship between what they are studying



and public policy. "American students have the right – and the obligation – to be civically engaged and to vote. As educators, it is imperative that we impress upon our students what a wonderful responsibility this is," explained Maimon.

Sexton's talk, *Assessing Where it Matters Most – Your Instruction*, "was basically a challenge to the participants to really understand what today's college student looks like and to provide rich instruction that will give their students a reason to put down their cell phones and to listen," she said. Sexton explained that many professors believe they are first a scientist or a writer. "They do not think of themselves as a 'teacher' first. My challenge to the audience was to consider themselves a teacher as well as a scholar, the two are not mutually exclusive."

"It is fascinating to hear about practices, challenges and successes directly from educators on the front line in so many countries," said Maimon. "It really brings home to me how fortunate we are in the U.S. and how many almost insurmountable difficulties those in some other countries face. Thankfully, there are dedicated, passionate and intelligent educators working hard to bring quality higher education to all."

2013-14 Academic Year Holiday Schedule

The holiday schedule for the 2013-14 Academic Year has been released.

Click to view the [2013-14 Academic Year Holiday Schedule](#).

Hula with Your Friends at the Employee Picnic

August 16 is just around the corner and it is time to register to attend *Aloha!*, the GSU 2013 Employee Picnic.

Click [Aloha! RSVP](#) and let the planners know to expect you.

You'll receive a confirmation email with your e-ticket. Don't forget to print it and bring it along.

This year's picnic features a Hawaiian theme, with games and contests. There will be Bingo in the CPA lobby, the annual GSU Bean Bag Tourney and Closest-to-the-Pin Golf Contest.

You'll find that and lots more behind The Center for Performing Arts beginning at 11 a.m., on Friday, August 16. Food is served until 2 p.m.

Any questions, just call Laruen Esolato at 235.7643 or email gsuemployeepicnic@govst.edu.

Keeping the Critters Out

Our campus is an environment that supports a wide variety of wildlife. It provides a good habitat to protect them and increase their populations. However, some of these critters can find their way into our buildings as unwanted guests.

Facilities Development and Management encourages everyone to minimizing the critters' sources of food or shelter. Please keep food in your area stored in tightly sealed metal, glass or thick plastic containers. This includes all condiment packets, gum, cough drops and mints. Anything you are willing to eat, they are, too. Mice love to shred napkins and tissues for bedding material, so keep them sealed as well. If you notice pests in your workspace or holes in the floors or walls, call Facilities at ext: 4515 so the problem can be addressed.

Please encourage your neighbors to follow these precautions. For more information, call FDM at ext. 6361 or 7452.

Meditation and Interfaith Prayer Room

Consistent with its focus on diversity and inclusion, GSU is committed to treating people of all faiths fairly and to provide the GSU Community with access to facilities for personal observation of their faith traditions or quiet contemplation.

Accordingly, a Meditation and Interfaith Prayer Room will be available through the summer academic calendar in room A2150. The room is an accessible space, which can be used by people of all faith traditions and beliefs, and for those whom religion has no particular significance in their lives. The room may be used as a quiet space for people to sit and contemplate, to pray, to take a few moments to de-stress from a busy day, or to recover from a traumatic life event, such as bereavement.

The room is currently open access to be used on a drop-in basis. Reservation processes are being developed. Contact the Office of the Dean of Students at 708.235.7595 or deanofstudents@govst.edu for information about using the Meditation and Interfaith Prayer Room.

Baby Changing Stations in the GSU Library

The GSU Library recently installed two baby changing stations. They are in the women's and men's restrooms located closest to the hydration station and the library atrium area. These baby changing stations are available during library hours.

Library Summer Hours:

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Friday – Closed*

Saturday - 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday – Closed

For more information visit the [library website](#).



Sustainability Partners

Facilities Development & Management partnered with Digital Learning and Media Design to recycle 2,086 pounds of electronic waste, including VHS and other types of tape. The materials were taken to [Intercon Solutions](#) in Chicago Heights for disassembly.

As a result of FDM and DLMD's initiative, GSU received a certificate of sustainability.



This recycling results in a reduction of 20 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions, saves 2,237 gallons of gasoline, 46 barrels of oil and 79,016 gallons of water. The recycling effort compares to taking four gas-fueled cars off the road per day and planting 510 trees.

The initiative by the departments is a great example of how waste diversion can positively impact our environment.

KISS FM at Grill and Chill – July 11 (07-08-13)

Super summer fun, great music, a barbecue by the lake, and 103.5 KISS FM personality *Special K*!



It is all happening at GSU on Thursday, July 11. From 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Grill and Chill – a delicious grilled lunch – will be served by the GSU Café and accompanied by the music and fun of *Special K* and KISS FM.

Each week during the summer, the GSU Café chef will prepare a featured grilled combo meal, for \$5.50, including a sandwich, side, and drink. A la carte options are also available with sandwiches for \$3.50, chips or one side for \$1.50, and beverage for \$1.

Grill and Chill features hamburgers and cheeseburgers every week, along with hot dogs, and veggie burgers; chips; canned soda or water; and weekly specials.

Weekly specials will include:

- July 11 - Marinated chicken breast sandwich, pasta salad
- July 18 - Boneless pork chop sandwich, cole slaw
- July 25 - Turkey burger, fruit salad
- August 1 - Maxwell Street Polish sausage

Let's All Get Healthy

Thursday, July 18 is Community Health Day at GSU.

GSU is partnering with the *Let's Move!* First Lady Michelle Obama campaign to solve childhood obesity within a generation. As a *Let's Move!* Community Leader, GSU is offering a series of exciting events to teach nutrition and improve your health.

- *Nutrition Mission* by Kid Power at 11 a.m. in the GSU Center for Performing Arts. This program teaches kids ages four to 12

about healthy eating and exercise. Using spectacular 3-D visual effects the audience takes an amazing journey inside the human body. Souvenir 3-D glasses included. Tickets are \$9 per person or \$7 for group of 10 or more. To purchase tickets, or for further information, contact the box office at www.CenterTickets.net or call 708.235.2222.

- *Get Moving at Noon* in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. Test your endurance by participating in our obstacle course! Recreation and Fitness Center Staff will be on hand to assist you. Or join us for a special dance workshop and learn how to dance like Beyoncé to *Move Your Body*.
- *Learn About Organic Gardening* at 12:30 p.m. at the University Sustainable Garden. The community garden at GSU is a resource for families across the Chicago Southland to take control of their health by planting a custom-designed garden. Join Master Gardener Nancy Kujhada from the University of Illinois Extension Service for tips on organic gardening and composting. To learn more about the University Sustainable Garden, visit www.govst.edu/garden.

View a promotional video for [Community Health Day](#).

President Maimon Named to 100 Women of Influence



Today's Chicago Woman magazine has named its list of 100 Women of Influence in their fields and the city of Chicago, including GSU President Elaine P. Maimon. The 100 women leaders are drawn from a diverse group representing various sectors – including finance, government, philanthropy, arts, education, health care and more. According to TCW they are, “both well-known leaders and up-and-coming game changers.”

President Maimon To see the entire list, click [100 Women of Influence](#).

Female Offenders - A Poster Presentation

Female Offenders, one of the special topics courses offered this summer in the Criminal Justice Department, will be the subject of poster presentations on July 9 and 11, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:20 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

The course's active learning project is to promote public education on the topic of female offenders, one that is often neglected in the media and public discussion. As an incentive to talk with the students and learn more about the impact of prison on women, visitors will be offered free baked goods and music. They can also watch the documentary Caron Jacobson's class developed as the active learning project in 2011.

Please join the students and feed not only your stomach, but your mind as well.

Tee Up for the GSU Promise Scholarship Scramble

On September 15 golfers from all over the Chicago area will tee up to benefit GSU Promise, a scholarship program for the Dual Degree Program.

The 18-hole outing at the University Golf Club and Conference Center will include contests and prizes, lunch at the turn and a buffet dinner with presentation of the Dave Dreschel Golf Award and contest winners. The award is presented in honor of long-time GSU HR employee Dave Dreschel who was instrumental in establishing the GSU Golf League. Additional prizes will include two VIP Air and Water Show Passes, Cubs and White Sox tickets and more.

Check in is at noon, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

Early Registration – before July 15

\$100 per golfer

\$400 per foursome

Registration after July 15

\$115 per golfer

\$460 per foursome

Dinner only: \$35

For more information and to register, go to www.govst.edu/golfouting.

If you're not a golfer, but would like to donate to GSU Promise, [click here](#).

Toastmasters International Coming to GSU

The Kappa Kappa chapter of Lambda Pi Eta, the National Communication Honors Society, has created a chapter of Toastmasters International, one of the world leaders in communication and leadership development.

Toastmaster, a non-profit educational organization, was created in 1924 to teach public speaking and leadership skills. The organization has grown to a membership of more than 280,000 people of all backgrounds and professions with 3,500 clubs in 116 countries.

GSU's toastmasters club is a collaborative endeavor between students, faculty and community leaders that will serve as a model of diversity and responsible citizenship. GSU is pleased to collaborate with our community partner, Mayor Vivian Covington of University Park who joined GSU's Toastmaster's Club as a charter member and sponsored membership for three GSU students.

In keeping with the mission of GSU, Toastmasters imbues students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to become connected not only to their communities, but globally. Toastmasters will serve as a powerful, experiential learning opportunity for GSU students and community members.

Under the guidance of University Lecturer Tammara R. Winn and with help from Assistant Dean of Students Sheree Sanderson, the new chapter is looking forward to encouraging community involvement and competing for the top awards for public speaking at the district, regional and national levels.

For more information contact [Tammara Winn](#).

Work Study How-To Session

Learn the ins and outs of employing students through the Federal Work-Study program at an information session on July 10, from 2 to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The hiring process, student eligibility and expectations of the program will be discussed. If you can't make it, another information session will be held on August 14, from 2 to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

The information sessions are sponsored by the Office of Financial Aid and the Office of Career Services. To learn more about the session, call 534.4480.

New Civil Service Senate

The Governors State Civil Service Senate Election Committee has concluded the Civil Service Election for 2013.

The 2013 Civil Service Senators are:

Lynne Calyton
Paula Cosenza
Andrea Dal Polo
Adrienne Gray
Shelina Jenkins
Sheryl Jones-Harper
Sandi Kawanna
Erick Nicholson
Laura Owens
Gina Ragland
Latonia Richmond
Raquel Rios-Aguirre
Kelly Robinson
Mary Rothenberg
Debra Sbalchiero
Karen Sinwelski
Sabrina Slocum
Scott Smith
Merri Wilkerson

Any GSU Civil Service Employee who has been employed for at least six months may join the Civil Service Senate. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month and all Civil Service Employees are welcome. You don't need to be a member to attend. If you are interested in joining or want more information contact Senate President, [Laura Owens](#) or Corresponding Secretary, [Kelly Robinson](#).

Now Hiring Orientation Leaders

Are you a friendly, enthusiastic student who is excited about welcoming new students to campus for Fall 2013? If that's you, the Academic Resource Center has a job for you.

Orientation Leaders must be able to lead small groups using effective communication and listening skills and work in the best interest of prospective students and their families. They must also be committed to attending both Fall 2013 Transfer and Graduate New Student

Orientation programs.

These duties will include but are not limited to: interacting with students, leading campus tours and answering any questions about Governors State University. An Orientation Leader must be available to participate in training sessions and work collectively as part of an orientation team to prepare for orientation programs, be present and facilitate all orientation sessions.

For more information or to submit an application, please visit <http://www.govst.edu/sas/orientation/>.

GSU Library Amnesty Week - July 29 to August 1

Do you have GSU library books and materials that are overdue and need to be returned? Bring them to the GSU Library from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., July 29 to August 1, along with a non-perishable food item for each item you are returning, and your fines will be forgiven.

All food that is collected for Amnesty Week will be given to the GSU Food Pantry, sponsored by the Student Senate. Food should be non-perishable, un-opened and within the expiration date indicated on the packaging. Please note that fines will be forgiven for GSU materials only. Fines for damaged materials will not be waived. Amnesty week excludes fines for Reserves & Telecourses.

Academic Calendar Now Available

The 2014-2015 Academic Calendar is now available on the [GSU website](#).

Alternative Teacher Certification Information Session – July 9

Learn how to earn elementary or secondary (biology, chemistry or mathematics) Professional License and secure a teaching position through GSU's Alternative Certification Program. An information session will be held on July 9, at 7 p.m., in E-Lounge.

The Alternative Teacher Certification program offers a way to earn your Professional License and embark on a new, rewarding career in education. The Teacher Quality Partnership leads to a Masters of Art in Teaching in Urban Teacher Education in elementary or secondary (biology, chemistry or mathematics). TQP provides an opportunity to co-teach for a year with a certified teacher, a \$30,000 stipend and a 25 percent reduction in tuition. TQP is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Since it began more than 14 years ago, the program has helped more than 300 participants change careers to become some of the most well-trained, supported and effective educators in the south suburbs and Chicago.

This program is open to college graduates with five years' work experience with a bachelor's degree. The application deadline for the cohort beginning Spring 2014 Alternative Certification program, will be November 15, 2013.

For more information, call 708.534.4399 or visit www.govst.edu/altcert.

Graduate Business Programs Information Session – July 17

CBPA is hosting a graduate programs open house on July 17, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Information on graduate programs in Business Administration, Public Administration, Management Information Systems and Accounting, as well information about the accelerated, on line MBA in Supply Chain Management will be presented. Academic advisors and admission counselors will also be available to answer questions and discuss admission requirements. Attendees will also have the opportunity to network with current students and GSU faculty.

Attendees are encouraged to bring official or unofficial transcripts for review. Refreshments will be served and tours of the campus will be offered.

For more information or to RSVP by July 10, contact bpainfo@govst.edu or 708.534.4391.

Colleague User Group – July 10

The next meeting of the Colleague Users Group is Wednesday, July 10, at 2 p.m., in D34050.

The forum will include a presentation by Nick Battaglia, AVP for Administrative Systems, titled *Demo: GSU's New Degree Audit System*. And, Karen Stuenkel, Manager Colleague User Services and Training, will present a *Tip of the Month* titled *Accessing People and Forms Using the Favorites Panel*.

CUG provides a monthly forum for GSU community members to share and discuss their experiences using the system. Membership in CUG is open to all faculty and staff.

Contact the **Colleague Project Office** with any questions about the meeting.

Information on New Restorative Justice Certificate Program

Learn how to earn your Restorative Justice Certificate at Governors State University at an information session on Thursday, August 1, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Program faculty will be present to talk to prospective students.

Classes in the new certificate program begin in the Fall 2013. Students will gain both theoretical and practical education and training in Restorative Justice concepts and practices, which will prepare them to be more effective leaders and problem-solvers.

For more information or to register, contact [Shaniqua Jones](#) at 708.235.3987.

If prospective students are not able to attend the information session on August 1, there is another opportunity to attend on Monday, July 29, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at Homewood-Flossmoor Library located 1000 Sterling Avenue Flossmoor, Illinois.

Happy Fiscal New Year! (07-01-13)

FY14 requisitioning can begin through the portal on Tuesday July 2, 2013.

You will notice that you cannot "receive" items. That is intentional so that procurement staff can assist you in differentiating between FY13 and FY14 receiving. This will help ensure audit expenditure accuracy. If you need receiving completed, call Procurement at ext. 4056 or email PASDatatel@govst.edu with the purchase order receiving information – PO#, date, etc.

New Signature Card: A new signature card has been added to the Procurement portal page. It is now a fillable PDF. If your area needs to make changes to the requisitioners and/or approvers on an account, simply complete the form. The procurement staff recommends saving the document in case additional changes are needed in the future. If you have no changes, you do not need to complete a new form.

Helpful reminders:

- Requisitions require approvals before they can be transferred to PO status.
- If using a GSU logo on any specialty items, approval is required from the Office of Marketing and Communications.
- If you have attachments, scan (with the requisition #) and email to PASdatatel@govst.edu.

For more information, contact Procurement at ext. 4056.

Cable Station Accepting Video Submissions for Fall

The Division of Digital Learning and Media Design is seeking submissions of films and television programs of any length to be showcased on *The Educator*, GSU's cable station. GSU students, staff and faculty, past or present, are invited to submit their work. Approved submissions will air each Monday, Wednesday and Friday this fall from 7 to 9 p.m., on *The Educator*.

Submissions can be sent digitally via a file sharing system, such as Dropbox™ or Google Docs™, in the highest resolution. Send them to [Keisha Dyson](#), Program Developer in the DLMD. A hard copy (DVD or file on hard drive) can be mailed to Keisha in room D1425.

All submissions must be accompanied by a completed submission form, which can be found on the [Master of Fine Arts in Independent Filmmaking and Digital Imaging website](#), along with a description of the project in 250 characters or less. The submission deadline for fall broadcast consideration is September 1 at 5 p.m. All submissions will be screened for approval before broadcast. Videos containing inappropriate material or that can be classified as pornographic will not be aired.

The Educator can be found on the following channels, depending upon

your cable provider:

- AT&T U-verse® TV – Channel 99 (only in South Holland, IL)
- Comcast® – Channel 16
- WOW® Cable – Channel 24 (only in South Holland, Oak Forest and Calumet City, IL).

See the [The Educator full program schedule](#).

For answers to other questions email [Keisha Dyson](#).

MILE Hosts Renowned Educators



Drs. Rosemary and
Harry Wong

On June 24 and 25, nationally renowned educators Drs. Harry and Rosemary Wong presented their *Effective Educators Seminars* to 546 educators from Illinois and 13 other states. The two day event was sponsored by the GSU College of Education's Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education and Louisiana State University's College of Human Sciences and Education. This was the first time this program had been presented in Illinois.

The first day focused on "How to Create a Successful School in Less than Two Years," and was targeted to school superintendents and principals. The second day was titled "How to Be an Effective and Successful Teacher."

"The extremely popular Wongs introduced success stories from school leaders from around the country," said Alicia McCray Director of MILE. "We were very proud to host his event."

New Hydration Station in Library

The Library now has a new bottle filler/water fountain combo station better known as a hydration station. "The hydration station is all about reducing the amount of waste going into a landfill or energy required



to recycle plastic bottles," said Kevin Barto, Assistant Director for Grounds Management & Custodial Services. "It directly supports GSU's sustainability initiatives."

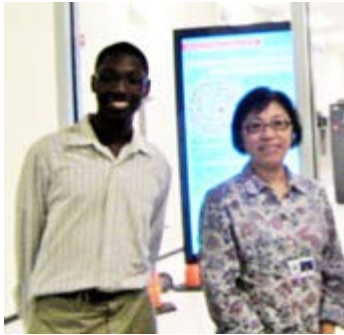
The hydration station is located in the atrium of the library. Water from the hydration station is double filtered to improve taste and smell while removing any sediment. There is a counter on the unit that indicates how many plastic bottles are eliminated when it is used.

"Sustainability is a very important initiative here at GSU," said Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Dean of the Library. "When you think of libraries, they are very supportive of sustainability by simply circulating books and materials. However, we wanted to extend our support of sustainability in the Library by purchasing and installing a hydration station. We want students, faculty and the community to be aware that it is now in the library."

Argonne Internship Enlightens GSU Student

When Reuven Hicks, a senior in Computer Science, took software engineering course from Dr. Clare Tang he was sold right away on getting an internship at Argonne National laboratory. He not only listened to her advice but took all the right steps: he studied hard, earned good grades and submitted his completed application on time.

Reuven's diligence paid off. He was awarded Summer Undergraduate Laboratory Internship at Argonne and is now living at the Argonne campus in Darien. He is very excited about working with and being mentored by world-renowned scientists – the intellectual stimulation is a big reward. He is working on a material science project using a desktop computer.



Reuven Hicks and
Dr. Clare Tang

Dr. Tang is working currently on computer modeling to simulate the physical process influencing the movement of water over and through the soil. The computer models will allow hydrologists to predict the magnitude of streamflows generated by a precipitation event. The computation is very intensive and requires supercomputer powers.

After visiting Dr. Tang at Argonne's supercomputer center, Reuven announced he is determined to return to Argonne again next summer and work on the supercomputers.

Donors Help Preserve Sculpture

"Signal yellow" is the color but you wouldn't have known that earlier this spring. The wear and tear of exposure to the elements over 38 years had faded the monumental sculpture "Illinois Landscape No. 5" into a mellow buttercream.



Illinois Landscape No. 5
by John Henry

Funding for conservation work and painting came from memberships in Pathfinder, the sculpture park's donor organization, and other funds collected over the past six years. "This is another important piece of the revitalization of Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park, and we have our many supporters to thank," said Geoffrey Bates, NMSP Director and Curator.

This preservation is one of many efforts to conserve and renew the collection, including other sculpture conservation projects, prairie restoration initiatives and efforts to transform the park into a beacon of serenity.

John Henry's masterwork has graced the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park since 1975 when it was commissioned with the assistance of the National Endowment for the Arts. Thousands of students and visitors have regarded John Henry's striking work of contemporary sculpture with awe and good humor. Now onlookers can once again appreciate it in its full glory. Just as "signal yellow" implies, the sprawling site-specific sculpture compels visitors and passers-by to slow their pace,

just to gain a glimpse.

Henry's work has become an icon for Governors State, an immediately recognizable symbol of the dynamic relationship between the campus and its community.

Computer and Information Honor Society at GSU

Theta Chapter of Upsilon Pi Epsilon at GSU has been approved by the society's national governing body. The chapter advisor, Steve Hyzny, will begin identifying students to become charter members next month.

UPE is the only honor society that is recognized by the Association for Computing Machinery and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Computer Society. The GSU ACM Student Chapter was chartered July, 2012.

UPE was first organized at Texas A&M University in 1967 with a mission of recognizing academic excellence at both the undergraduate and graduate levels in the Computing and Information Disciplines. UPE is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies.

To qualify for membership, students in Computer Science, Information Technology and Management of Information Systems programs must meet the following requirements:

- A graduate student must be a candidate for a graduate degree in Computer Science or Management of Information Systems and must have completed at least 18 semester hours of graduate credit with a grade point average of at least 3.5, exclusive of research and seminar courses.
- An undergraduate student must be a candidate for an undergraduate degree in Computer Science or Information Technology and must have completed at least 45 semester hours for undergraduate credit, including 15 semester hours in the computing or information disciplines. He or she must have a grade point average of at least 3.3, with a grade point average of at least 3.5 in all respective degree coursework.

For more information, contact [Steve Hyzny](#) at 708.534.4537.

